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Zoo expansion awash in flood funding fears

Tourist attraction. City debates whether to fund a $25M berm and water pumping project

Failing to free up flood-proofing bucks now might scare away donors from bankrolling the Calgary Zoo's ambitious plans to put polar bears, snow monkeys and giant pandas on St. George's Island.

That was the warning to city council members from one senior zoo official Tuesday during debate over whether to fund a $25-million berm and water pumping project for the popular tourist attraction.

Len Wolstenholme implored councillors to act immediately because corporate sponsors, lone donors and provincial officials are afraid their contributions to the zoo expansion could be washed away in another river disaster.

"The feedback we're getting from all of them is that 'We think this is great, but what if there's another flood?'" Wolstenholme said.

"They're not prepared to make a commitment until they're comfortable that the flood mitigation issues at the zoo are going to be dealt with."

New concerns around rising ground water beneath the zoo surfaced in a report presented to the city committee. The estimated cost of the mitigation project, accordingly, soared from the $11-million price tag released back in November 2013.

Wolstenholme, who handles the zoo's external relations, stood firm. He said the zoo's $112-million expansion plan is hanging in the balance as nearly half of the project depends on fundraising.

Ward 9 Coun. Gian-Carlo Carra admitted he was "torn to shreds" over whether to fund the project at once or wait months for the province to confirm whether it's footing the bill under its disaster aid program. The discussion moved behind closed doors at Carra's request to find a compromise.

When city council members emerged, they declared they were going to adopt administration's recommendation to only fund $1.2-million for detailed design blueprints before construction started.

"Thank you all for all of your work on this and we'll get this darn thing built," Mayor Naheed Nenshi said.

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Caleb Followill, lead singer of Kings of Leon, performs at the Saddledome Tuesday night during the group's Calgary stop on the Mechanical Bull Tour. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

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Finite resources

Calgary is 'better prepared' but not immune to future flood, say city staff

Calgary will have more equipment and expertise at the ready for this year's flood season, but there's only so much that can be done to respond to another high-water event, city staff told members of council Tuesday.

"We're in the midst of purchasing flood-response equipment," said water services director Rob Spackman. "We are better prepared than we were."

That equipment includes a stockpile of riprap to reinforce riverbanks and more temporary berms that can be deployed as needed.

Calgary Emergency Management Agency chief Bruce Burrell, however, said there is "no guarantee" that a major disaster won't happen again.

"If we wanted to do disaster mitigation to the point that we have a municipality that we can say is 100 per cent disaster-proof, then that will cost us a lot of money and will require a lot more resources than we currently have," he said.

Coun. Gian-Carlo Carra said many residents in his ward are in a "fraught state" as they near the one-year anniversary of the calamitous flood.

Calgary's capital budget includes $134 million this year and $129 million in future years for flood mitigation and resiliency projects, and the city has submitted another $900 million worth of requests to the province for additional work. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

The Calgary Police Service truck unit, involved in commercial vehicle checks like this one in the past, is being reorganized, and the police association is worried it will affect prevention efforts. METRO FILE

Union uneasy as cops 'reorganize' truck unit

Traffic-team shift. Specialized officers will be added on to broader traffic teams

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Police have put the brakes on their designated truck unit, and a top traffic cop said the move will rev up enforcement against any dangerous commercial rides on Calgary streets.

However, the head of the Calgary Police Association said he's concerned that shifting the unit's eight members will see other traffic-related duties "supersede" those related to truck safety.

"I worry a little bit about the prevention aspect of things," said association head Howard Burns. "You see the damage these vehicles are capable of and you would really hate to see that happen as the result of a mechanical failure that went undetected."

The police truck unit had worked in conjunction with provincial law-enforcement to conduct blitzes on commercial vehicles, inspecting them for mechanical fitness, driver qualifications and other safety requirements.

One such effort in September saw 40 per cent of the 118 vehicles inspected get pulled off city streets. Another 22 per cent required some form of attention.

But police Insp. Ken Thrower said "reorganizing" the truck unit will actually lead to more blitzes and better coverage around the clock.

"I would say it's more efficient," he said. "What happens now if there's a fatal (crash involving a truck), we have to call a truck guy to come out.... It could be 2-3 hours before they get there. Now, they're right there working on the teams."

Thrower said the shift will also allow for training of more police truck experts. He said the hope is to add another eight with specialized commercial training in the coming months.

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Sports. Morrison weighs in on cycle-track debate

Denny Morrison THE CANADIAN PRESS

Olympic speedskater Denny Morrison said he moved to Calgary 11 years ago because it's a hub for winter activities and he expects city residents will use the planned network of downtown cycle tracks year-round.

"As an Olympian in 2014, our slogan was 'We Are Winter' and I think every Canadian can embrace that slogan," Morrison said Tuesday. "We're all used to winter and we embrace and enjoy it … so why would winter cycling be a problem?"

The Olympic medallist said he's decided to wade into Calgary's debate over separated bike lanes by penning an essay for the Calgarians for Cycle Tracks blog series, because he thinks a cycle-track network will help "promote healthy, active lifestyles."

"It would be better for everyone, including the hardcore cyclists, but especially for the people who are too afraid to cycle downtown and instead drive their cars," Morrison said.

But Coun. Ward Sutherland said it's those casual cyclists who are the most "weather-dependent" riders, particularly in winter.

"When they say weather doesn't matter — come on — that's not the reality," he said.

"It doesn't matter for a hardcore cyclist but it's going to matter for your occasional cyclist."

ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Computer problems. Alta. students show tech skills

Alberta students ranked among the best in the world on the computer-based problem-solving portion of a highly regarded test conducted in 2012, according to new data released Tuesday.

The Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) was conducted in 2012 and featured 2,900 Alberta students.

Their grades in the computer portion of the test tied for the best in Canada and were fourth-highest among 53 jurisdictions participating around the world.

"Alberta students continue to benefit from our focus on helping them make sense of complex information (to) solve real-life problems," said Education Minister Jeff Johnson in a prepared statement while travelling in Singapore.

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Raj Rangayyan and his colleagues at the Schulich School of Engineering have developed software to detect early-stage cancer in mammograms, and are now looking to refine the technology. RILEY BRANDT/UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

Digital upgrades could boost cancer detector

Mammograms. U of C group's award-winning software has new goals

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University of Calgary researchers who developed software that detects early signs of breast cancer are looking to update their award-winning idea to take advantage of advancements in digital imaging.

The team from the Schulich School of Engineering won a Publication Prize from Canada's Institute for Cancer Research in 2012 for computer technology that digitally analyzes mammogram photos.

Most computer-aided analysis of mammography typically aims to identify calcification or established tumours, professor Raj Rangayyan said, but his team's software looks for "architectural distortion" — areas in the breast where "there is no tumour but the tissues are simply pulled and pushed due to cancer that is just developing."

Improving technology

"Our experiments were done using scanned films. But now, of course, films are not used anymore in most imaging centres."
U of C professor Raj Rangayyan

They are now looking for grants to help continue refining the technology, and reduce the rate of false-positive results.

So far, he said, the software has been able to flag "abnormal patterns" in a mammogram with about 80 to 85 per cent sensitivity and four false positives per image.

Their goal is to reduce that to less than one false positive per image and maintain at least the same sensitivity, to make the software a useful tool to assist radiologists in efficiently detecting early-stage cancer from mammograms.

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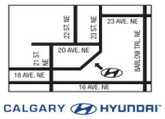

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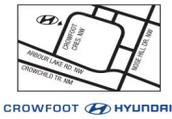

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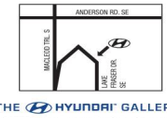

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Brucella canis

Local veterinary school investigating cases of infectious dog disease

The faculty of veterinary medicine at the University of Calgary is looking into several cases of an infectious disease in dogs imported from the southern United States.

Five cases of brucella canis have appeared, even though the disease is rarely diagnosed in Alberta.

Dr. Serge Chaloub says it's not clear how prevalent the disease is in the local dog population, although it's believed to be low.

But he adds the bacteria that causes it is difficult to eradicate from an animal.

The bacteria can infect different tissues in the body, but most commonly attacks the reproductive organs.

Alberta Health Services and Alberta Health have been notified, and the owners of the infected dogs have been told of the potential risk of contracting the disease from their animals.

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Calgary International

TSB probes YYC runway miscue

The Transportation Safety Board is investigating after a runway incursion March 29. According to a report filed March 29, an Air Georgian Limited Beech 1900D may have made a taxi error putting it near a WestJet 737 takeoff. METRO

Emergency response

Alberta spending $31M this year on wildfire protection

Alberta plans to spend $31 million this year to prevent the type of wildfires that ravaged much of the town of Slave Lake in May 2011.

The government says there will be cash to improve emergency response planning, hire more firefighters and for public education.

This is on top of funding announced last year that will go to 19 communities to develop FireSmart plans, including clearing trees and brush from around populated areas.

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Calgary sports leaders denounce intolerance

Breakfast talk. Brian Burke, Jon Cornish reflect on experiences with homophobia

Two of Calgary's sports leaders put box scores aside Tuesday to condemn bullying, racism and intolerance at a breakfast fundraiser.

Host and Calgary Flames hockey boss Brian Burke told reporters homophobic slurs are habits that must be broken, both on and off the ice.

"I think it's just what we learned as kids ... to pick up the biggest rock you can and throw it," said Burke.

"But it's harmful, it's prejudicial and it's biased — and it's got to stop."

Burke has become a flagbearer for the LGBT community since his son died in a car crash in 2010, one year after coming out. Before taking the helm in Calgary, Burke was a known to be a fixture at the Toronto Pride Parade.

The hockey legend was joined at the Delta Bow Valley hotel Tuesday by Calgary Stampeders star Jon Cornish.

Cornish, whose biological mother is married to a woman, maintained the locker-room culture is "dramatically different" now than when he was drafted into the Canadian Football League in 2006. His no-nonsense attitude toward intolerance of all sorts has extended to what's shared between teammates.

"When I hear slurs ... I think of my mom standing right beside me and her having to experience those things for herself," Cornish told reporters. "I know a lot of the guys like to use different words — especially the n-word just in their regular vernacular.

"It's never been acceptable to me."

Burke echoed the running back's sentiments that progress is being made, but contended it will still take time to gain full acceptance — especially from older generations.

"These attitudes are not doors that are kicked in," he said. "They're walls that crumble over time, for the most part."

Proceeds from Tuesday's event went to support Calgary Sexual Health Centre's WiseGuyz program.

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Gradual progress

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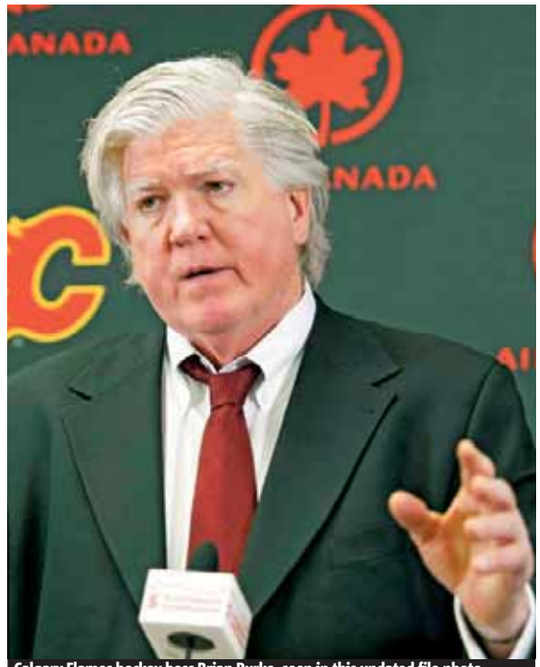
Calgary Flames GM Brian Burke



Calgary Flames hockey boss Brian Burke, seen in this undated file photo, spoke at a fundraiser Tuesday aimed at condemning intolerance and bullying.

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Allegedly phoney oxycodone

BRYAN WEISMILLER/METRO

Cops issue warning after seizing 'very potent' knock-off drugs

City cops declared a major drug bust Tuesday, saying they'd seized 9,600 counterfeit oxycodone that contained fentanyl and caffeine.

Acting Insp. Tom Hanson of the organized crime unit warned fentanyl — a "very, very potent" pain killer — increases the chances of overdoses.

"(It) increases the risk of overdose among people using them, particularly if they believe they are taking oxycodone," he told reporters.

Authorities also pointed to Canadian research that indicates some of the counterfeit narcotics are green and stamped with "CDN" on one side and the number 80 on the other.

"I can't speak to how they're acquiring the ingredients to manufacture the fentanyl but I do know that it's being manufactured in a clandestine lab as opposed to being stolen from pharmacies or a pharmaceutical manufacturing company," Hanson said.

On Feb. 18, officers raided a car and house in Chestermere, just east of the city limits.

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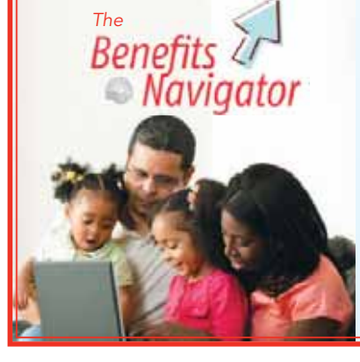
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CBE trustees vote to empty 'rainy day fund'

'Paycheque to paycheque.' Province had told board to dip into reserves to protect student dollars

Calgary Board of Education trustee Lynn Ferguson is seen at a meeting on Tuesday. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Calgary school boards were already dealing with some of the smallest "rainy day funds" in the province before a decision was made Tuesday to drain the public system's coffers.

The Calgary Board of Education had nearly $30.1 million stored, while the Calgary Catholic School District was sitting on $11.9 million, according to figures provided by Alberta Education on March 6.

But those figures only represent 2.6 per cent of the CBE's total annual operating costs, and 2.3 per cent of CSSD's.

Metro compared those percentages against the stockpiles belonging to other school boards and found they rank far below average. Of 61 school boards that the data was provided for, only Sturgeon School Division, Northland School Division, Canadian Rockies Public Schools and Catholic boards in both Medicine Hat and St. Albert ranked lower than the Calgary boards. As well, 14 boards recorded having more than 10 per cent of their total operational costs banked.

CBE officials also indicated only $21 million of its bank was available for use and requested Tuesday to use up $9 million more from its already diminished stockpile. The resulting funds would equal $12 million — one per cent of the system's total annual operating budget.

Some trustees, however, steered a direction that was ultimately approved to drain the reserve to zero.

Trustee Lynn Ferguson said the province already bailed out two school boards and a charter organization that found themselves in financial turmoil.

"I don't actually think that it would be a problem if the largest school board in the province turned around and said, 'Guess what? We don't have enough money for our students,'" she said.

But trustee Sheila Taylor warned school boards are barred from borrowing money and questioned what the CBE would do if a school was hit by a fire, flood or other disruption.

"What we're talking about is living paycheque to paycheque," Taylor said.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Online

For a full breakdown of the Alberta school boards' operating reserves, visit metronews.ca.

Marlborough Mall

Senior attacked, carjacked in parking lot

Calgary cops say that a senior shopper was attacked Tuesday in a parking lot outside Marlborough Mall.

Police say the suspect pushed the woman to the ground, took her keys and then stole her 1997 Toyota Corolla.

He then fled in the beige-coloured, four-door sedan around the time the attack was reported, at 2:45 p.m.

The woman was treated at the scene for minor injuries, according to the Calgary Police Service.

Police urge anyone with information to call them at 403-266-1234 or Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477.

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'Valuable investment'

Edmonton to host Red Bull Crashed Ice event in 2015

The City of Edmonton and the province are spending $800,000 to bring the Red Bull Crashed Ice event to the Alberta capital in 2015.

Edmonton Coun. Amarjeet Sohi and Tourism Minister Richard Starke provided details on the event, which Metro Edmonton first reported Tuesday.

"It's going to be a very valuable investment of our money into attracting an international event," Sohi said.

The city will contribute $400,000 to the event, with the province committing $300,000, Travel Alberta contributing another $100,000 and local hotels chipping in $200,000.

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'Spring' weather makes April fools out of St. John's residents

There was no spring weather for St. John's, N.L., which came to a stop Tuesday morning as an early-spring snowstorm dropped more than 30 centimetres of snow on the area overnight, with a possibility of another 20 centimetres before it moves out.

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Chile. Huge earthquake hits off coast

Chile's interior minister said at least five people died from a powerful magnitude-8.2 earthquake that struck off northern Chile Tuesday night. The quake forced evacuations along the country's entire Pacific coast for fear of tsunamis.

Interior Minister Rodrigo Penailillo attributed the five deaths to heart attacks or being crushed.

Thousands lost power, and hundreds of thousands of Chileans spent the night away from their beds due to the evacuation order.

In the city of Arica, 139 kilometres from the quake's epicentre, hospitals were treating minor injuries, and some homes made of adobe were destroyed. The quake also shook buildings in Peru and in Bolivia.

Psychiatrist Ricardo Yevenes said he was with a patient in Arica when the quake hit. "It quickly began to move the entire office, things were falling," he told local television. "Almost the whole city is in darkness."

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Marois: Fundraising flap due to a fear of a PQ government

Quebec election. Party leader's husband alleged to have solicited $25K to fund leadership bid

Parti Quebecois Leader Pauline Marois makes a point during a news conference on Monday in Trois-Rivieres, Que. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pauline Marois says allegations her husband solicited $25,000 to fund her Parti Quebecois leadership bid smack of revenge and fear.

Marois was reacting again Tuesday to a Radio-Canada report that Claude Blanchet asked an engineering executive for the money in 2007.

"Why did he (the man) do this now if he knew this situation in the past?" Marois said in Drummondville.

"Why did he decide to denounce this situation now? Because we are in an election and he doesn't want the return of a Parti Quebecois government."

Marois said some people are afraid of having the PQ re-elected next Monday because "we are the best way to fight against collusion and corruption."

The engineering executive made the allegations in a sworn affidavit but, at his request, Radio-Canada did not release his name.

Liberal Leader Philippe Couillard said the allegations raise questions about the PQ's integrity.

"I just underline each time I'm asked the question the fact that for the last two or three years apparently the PQ was without any stain," Couillard said.

"It's obviously not the case."

In the affidavit, the man says he gave Blanchet $25,000 in the form of various cheques up to $3,000, which at the time was the maximum individual contribution in the PQ leadership race.

The affidavit states the man's company gave him the cheques and that he in turn handed them over in an envelope to Blanchet because he "wanted to have special access to Madame Marois."

Marois insisted she, her husband and the PQ have always respected the law on the party financing.

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Ukraine's Foreign Minister Andrii Deshchytsia speaks with NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen during a meeting of the NATO-Ukraine Commission in Brussels on Tuesday. OLIVIER HOSLET/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NATO to beef up eastern defences

Foreign ministers meeting. Unanimous agreement to end all practical civilian and military co-operation with Moscow

NATO foreign ministers moved Tuesday to beef up the defences of front-line alliance members feeling menaced by a more assertive Russia, with Secretary of State John Kerry proclaiming the U.S. commitment to their security is "unwavering."

The ministers from NATO's 28 member nations also ordered suspension of all "practical civilian and military co-operation" with Vladimir Putin's Russia, though they made sure a line of communication with the Kremlin remains open at the ambassadorial level.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization, a keystone of U.S. and European security since the end of the Second World War, is facing its most acute geopolitical crisis in years: the fallout from Moscow's annexation of Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula, which the Obama administration and its allies condemn as a brazen, illegal land grab.

On Tuesday, an estimated 35,000 to 40,000 Russian troops equipped with tanks and aircraft remained near the border with Ukraine, a NATO official said.

The military official described the Russian buildup as "a complete combat force" highly threatening to Ukraine.

To reassure NATO's skittish eastern allies, Kerry told a news conference, the U.S. has already sent six F-15 fighters to perform air patrols over the Baltic, deployed a dozen F-16s to Poland and dispatched the USS Truxtun, a guided-missile destroyer, to the Black Sea.

"And more U.S. support is on the way," Kerry said.

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Struck in the neck

The Penn. chainsaw non-massacre

A tree trimmer is recovering after he was rushed to a hospital with a chainsaw blade embedded in his neck.

James Valentine was in a tree on Monday afternoon when he was struck in the neck by the saw. His co-workers left the saw in place to try to limit the bleeding.

After emergency surgery, doctors say the saw missed major arteries and, instead, cut into muscle. A hospital-released X-ray Tuesday shows the saw still in the 21-year-old's neck. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Health-care law. Obama boasts 7M milestone

After facing a rocky start and chorus of naysayers who declared his health-care law a failure, President Barack Obama on Tuesday celebrated a better-than-expected 7.1 million sign-ups for health coverage that he said should end the debate over the law possibly being repealed.

"The Affordable Care Act is here to stay," Obama declared in a feisty Rose Garden speech the day after the deadline for Americans to enrol.

Obama announced the 7 million threshold that once was seen as unattainable, even as the number still could climb. People who started applying but couldn't finish before the Monday midnight deadline can have extra time, as do potential enrollees with special circumstances. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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See that symbol? It means you can scan this image with your Metro News app to see why hacking on the big and small screen looks fun, but is not very accurate.

Best security software? Keep private life offline

Even the best programs will only do 20 per cent of the job, says ethical hacker Mike Sues. Your best defence against nefarious types on the web is keeping it low-pro in cyberspace

LUCY SCHOLEY
Metro in Ottawa

Give Mike Sues enough time and he could hack your computer to steal financial information, find out where you live and identify your family members on social media.

Luckily, Sues doesn't specialize in illegal hacking. He's an "ethical hacker," meaning companies and government agencies hire him to crack into their computer software security systems, expose their weaknesses, and fix them.

You might think Sues — the CEO and ethical hack specialist of Rigel Kent Security & Advisory Services Inc. — has an impenetrable security system on his home computer. But that's not the case. He says staving off hackers starts with keeping our private lives offline.

"That's the first thing we should be worried about because that information can be used by the attacker against you," he says.

Sues says the average home user has a "weak" password — usually the name of a spouse or child — that a hacker can easily guess by trolling photos of family members that are posted on social media sites.

These days, hacking is not necessarily the work of a lone dude in his parents' basement. Often, it's the method of organized crime groups using "botnet" malware to anonymously attack large swaths of computers. A small sum of money taken from one person's bank account can add up when it's thousands of people whose credit card numbers have been compromised.

Financial information can be gleaned from password guessing, but also from email phishing (see next page for an explanation of terms). While Sues said it might seem like a "no-brainer" to avoid clicking on suspicious links that land in your inbox, many people still fall for it.

What's more, if you publicly broadcast photos of your band practice or running club on social media, don't be surprised if you get an email with links to music events or deals on new jogging gear. That's a form of "social engineering," hacking called spear phishing — a custom-made and very specific phishing attack. One click of those links could let a hacker into any information saved on your hard drive, including passwords, contact lists, tax forms and other financial information.

"The compromise would take just a number of seconds — or even under a second," says Sues.

If you have a tablet or an iPhone and you synch it with your home computer, then photos, music and videos could also be stolen in the attack.

Sues says anti-virus software programs can help, but they are only about 20 per cent effective. And no security system will protect you 100 per cent.

"If an attacker really wants to get in and they have lots of time to do it, they'll get in."

Hacking your world: Day 1 of 3

- Who's hacking who? Who's hacking you? Metro looks at the real-life world of virtual break-ins
- Tomorrow: When the government spies on you

Modern life's Catch-22

"We tend to live in a society where we're concerned about our privacy, but we so easily give it up by posting pictures in our status updates."

Computer security specialist Mike Sues

In this film image, Rooney Mara is shown portraying hacker/private investigator and fugitive Lisbeth Salander in a scene from The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo. Much like Mara's character, hackers in real life are often misunderstood because of their technical skills, which can be used for good or ill. But don't think it's all like you see in the movies. Capturing a more realistic portrayal of hacking would probably make for lousy entertainment. Sometimes it's ridiculously easy, other times, not. While sometimes a hacker can crack a password after a few seconds of typing, that's often not the case. CONTRIBUTED

Stay safe out there

Tips to prevent hackers from stealing your information

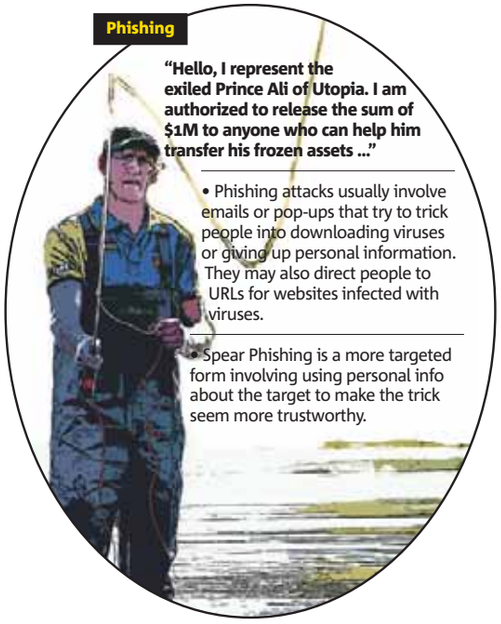
- Have a decent email spam filter and don't click on links or attachments from people you don't trust.
- Avoid using weak passwords, including the names of family members. Many websites will force you to pick a stronger password that includes a mix of upper and lower case letters and numbers, but not always.
- Change your Facebook settings so that only friends can view your photos.
- Regularly check your banking and credit card statements. Small items that you can't remember buying may mean your accounts have been hacked.
- Do not save any passwords and financial information on your hard drive.

Origin story

The term "hacker" is often used to describe someone who breaks into a computer system and steals information illegally or for malicious purposes.

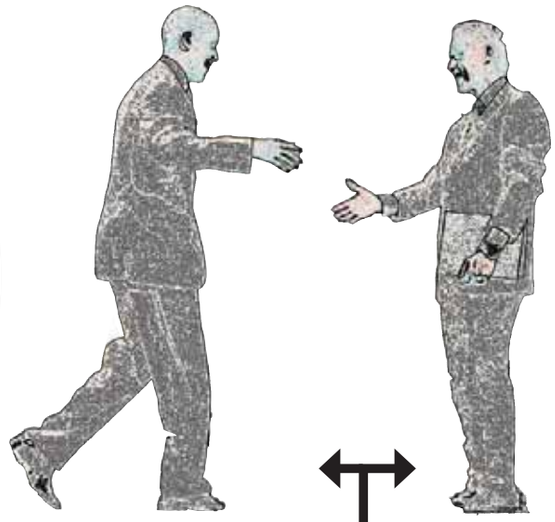
- But that's not the true meaning of the term. "Hacker" originated at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's (MIT) Tech Model Railroad Club in the 1960s.
- It was initially used to describe someone who strives to fully understand the inner workings of a system — be it computer or otherwise.

Phishing



"Hello, I represent the exiled Prince Ali of Utopia. I am authorized to release the sum of $1M to anyone who can help him transfer his frozen assets ..."

- Phishing attacks usually involve emails or pop-ups that try to trick people into downloading viruses or giving up personal information. They may also direct people to URLs for websites infected with viruses.
- Spear Phishing is a more targeted form involving using personal info about the target to make the trick seem more trustworthy.



Man in the middle

Apple alerted users in February to a vulnerability in its software that allowed hackers to get in between Wi-Fi routers and users and monitor and intercept Wi-Fi signals.

- **While Apple issued a patch for iPhones and iPads, there's no word yet on a fix for their computers.**
- **One safeguard users can employ is to use a Virtual Private Network (VPN) when using Wi-Fi**

Social hacking

A hacker made off with $100,000 worth of bitcoins in Ottawa recently just by telling a help desk he was the Bitcoin firm's CEO and he needed them to reboot a server.

- Social norms can be a powerful tool for hackers. Most people know they should ask for ID, but they don't.
- Some might call it a con, but often social hacking has a tech component. For instance, a hacker might "return" a "lost and found" USB key with a virus, hoping it gets plugged in.

Don't make your password 'password'

Much like a home security system, a strong password can deter a hacker. But many people pick ones that are easy to break.

- Computer security researcher Mark Burnett says 9.8 per cent of people use either "password," "123456," or "12345678."
- 98 per cent of people use the top 10,000 passwords — the words hackers' computer programs will typically try first.

Government surveillance

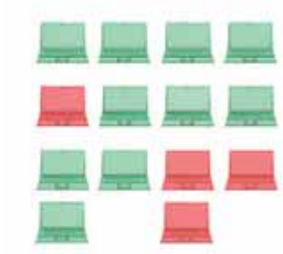
In January, the CBC reported CSEC had been monitoring airport Wi-Fi, spying on Canadians.

- Several countries have accused each other of sponsoring hackers and even creating viruses and botnets.
- The NSA disclosed that it collects about 250 million Internet communications each year. Google says that from 2009-2013, government requests for information about its users rose 120 per cent to total 27,477 requests.

Zero-day attacks

As computer security flaws are found and patched, some users will stay up-to-date and others will not.

- A zero-day attack hits newly discovered flaws. They don't work after the flaw is patched ... except on computers that haven't been updated.



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On hacking: 'It can be really, really boring'

What makes a hacker hack? Science.

"The little kid who is 12 in a basement breaking into computers wasn't really me," says Leigh Honeywell, 29, a Canadian computer security professional, who works at a major cloud provider in San Francisco.

Some say the dominant hacking motive is greed and voyeurism, but Honeywell says curiosity motivates her and other ethical hackers.

"When you are doing hacking right, you are doing science, and whatever your educational background is, there's that element of curiosity and playfulness," she says.

She fell into it while studying biophysics when she went with a friend to a hacker conference.

"It was the coolest thing ever," she says.

The idea that hooked her was that all software is broken and people in the field are trying to make it "less broken." It's impossible to get perfect, but Honeywell says there's a responsibility to make it better because people rely on it.

It's fascinating work, there's good money and high demand, but it's hard to get into, she says.

It's not all serious. She runs a "capture the flag team," that meets up with others at conferences and competes at hacking challenges to break into tournament computers and expose flaws.

But it's not always fun either. "One of the things people don't realize about hacking is it can be really, really boring," she says. It can often involve writing code and waiting hours while the computer runs through the program.

More people should learn about hacking, she says.

"I've never heard a good argument for not teaching college kids about hacking," she adds. "These are the kids that are going to go on to build software. If they don't know what they are up against, that's how you get insecure software."

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Ethical hacker Leigh Honeywell
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Cost to fix faulty ignition just 57¢

Penny wise, pound foolish? It took General Motors a decade to recall switch linked to 13 traffic deaths

The piece needed to fix a defective ignition switch linked to 13 traffic deaths would have cost just 57 cents, according to documents submitted by General Motors to U.S. lawmakers investigating why the company took 10 years to recall cars with the flaw.

At a hearing Tuesday, members of a House subcommittee demanded answers from new GM CEO Mary Barra about why the automaker used the switch in small cars such as the Chevrolet Cobalt and Saturn Ion even though it knew the part didn't meet GM's own specifications.

Rep. Diana DeGette, D-Colo., held up a switch for one of the cars and said a small spring inside it failed to provide enough force, causing car engines to turn off when they went over a bump.

DeGette showed how easy it was for a light set of keys to move the ignition out of the "run" position. That can cause the engine to stall and the driver to lose power steering and power brakes.

Since February, GM has recalled 2.6 million cars over the faulty switch, which has also been linked to 13 deaths and dozens of accidents.

A spokeswoman for GM Canada confirmed that one of the deaths associated with the faulty ignition switch was that of a Quebec motorist last June.

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Tapping tech to keep the liquid gold flowing

Donnie Richards of Meadowbrook Maple Syrup poses next to sap lines and a wireless radio-unit box — containing sensors that monitor sap pressure — attached to a maple tree at his Milton, Vt., sugar bush. The wireless technology is part of Tap Track, a monitoring system designed to help mid- to large-scale syrup producers keep an electronic eye on their sap vacuum lines. The radio unit transmits data to a computer or smartphone, where it shows up as a map with green dots indicating lines with good sap flow and red dots indicating leaks.

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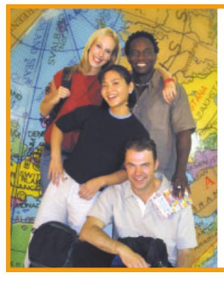

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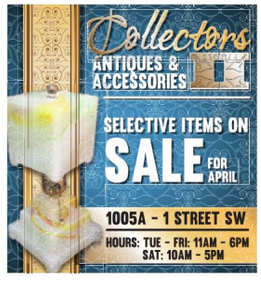

FOR LIFE'S AWKWARD MOMENTS

JUST SAYIN'

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April 1, 2014.

Mark this day as a landmark in the evolution of human relations: the publication date of The Awkward Human Survival Guide.

Finally, a way to deal with all the April fools in your life. It's brought to you by the people at Lifehacker, the website dedicated to the idea that there's a solution for everything.

Today, for example, Lifehacker features a piece on how to use a metal strainer to purée tomatoes when your blender's on the fritz … and "How to Tell Someone You Don't Like Them," an excerpt from The Awkward Human Survival Guide.

The advice turns out to be quite straightforward: Be honest but kind.

If you don't like someone romantically, the book advises you to say: "I'm not interested in you romantically." The more ambiguous "I don't think we should date" could foster false hope.

It tells the frightening story of a woman who eventually quit her job at the sock warehouse to get away from an amorous coworker who wasn't put off by her obvious lack of enthusiasm.

The honest but kind approach still hurts but "the pain will heal faster if you don't leave any room for interpretation and let them know they need to move on," say the authors.

There are a lot of potentially awkward humans out there, and the Guide provides us with a partial list: Republicans (Conservatives) Democrats (Liberals/NDP), hipsters, gun-rights crusaders, members of PETA, motorcyclists, reality TV stars, other drivers, other airline passengers, shy people, people who aren't shy, and, worst of all, writers. Columnists, for example.

One of my favourite techniques in The Awkward Human Survival Guide for dealing with all of the above is not to assume anything because, of course, "assume" makes an a-- out of you and me.

Don't assume the people in the next apartment having loud sex that keeps you up all night know you can hear them, and that if you can, it bothers you, and that if it bothers you, they care.

So, to cover all those potential challenges, the authors recommend a basic formula: "You may not be aware, but your behaviour (loud sex, picking your teeth, squeezing my arm) is making me uncomfortable (keeping me awake, creeping me out, causing me to panic). You're entitled to your own personal choices, but perhaps we can come up with a compromise that suits us both (quieter sex, floss in private, give me a little space here)."

This is such a potentially powerful tool that I'm going out right now to try it out on a few Conservative reality TV stars stopped at a nearby red light.

I'll let you know if I make it through the day.

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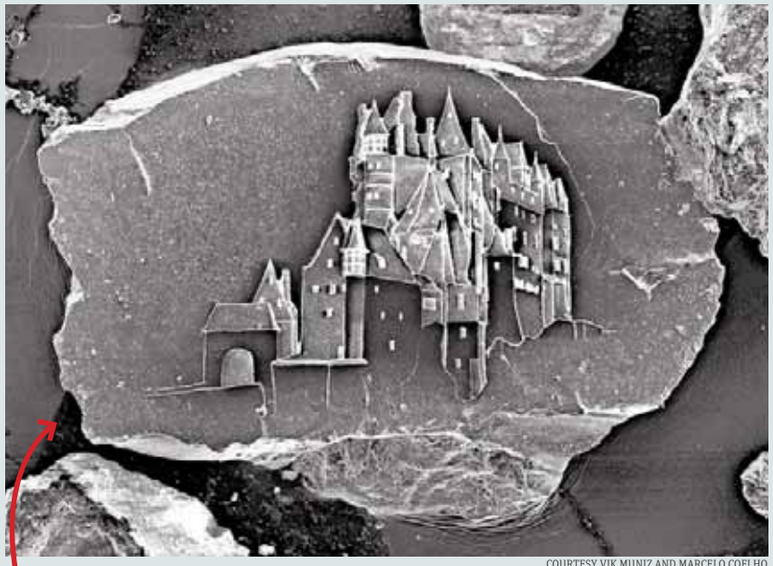
Microscopic abode



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Castles built on grains of sand

Artist Vik Muniz and designer Marcelo Coelho have teamed up to etch pictures of castles on individual grains of sand — a project four years in the making. The Brazilian duo paired up to use a painstaking technique of using an ion beam to draw images less than half a millimetre in length of European castles. METRO

Artist says:

"When someone tells you it's a grain of sand, there's a moment where your reality falls apart and you have to reconstruct it. You have to step back and ask what the image is and what it means."

Vik Muniz

Machine fires ions to etch drawing

Muniz drew the castles using a camera lucida, a 19th-century optical aid for sketching. Coelho then etched the drawings onto a grain using a focused ion beam that's capable of creating a line 50 nanometres wide. An electron microscope then fired electrons to scan the entire grain to make the final picture. METRO

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Cats react to cat videos by … licking themselves

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So it's fairly safe to say that we all agree April Fools' Day is the worst, right? Enter the mighty Fine Brothers of Kids React To Viral Videos fame to use it as a chance to throw up a mirror that reveals our own ugliness. "You say you like cats? You say you love cat videos? Then here is your nirvana. You maniacs."

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SCENE 2

Superhero by Cappy accident

Character study. Captain America nearly made his comic book debut as Super American — and it took decades before he returned to true patriotic form in film

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Chris Evans and Scarlett Johansson in Captain America: The Winter Soldier. CONTRIBUTED

Captain America, played by Chris Evans in this weekend's superhero flick Captain America: The Winter Soldier, was almost tagged with a different patriotic name by creator Joe Simon.

In 1940, when he first imagined the character, he dubbed his creation Super American. Then he had a change of heart.

"There were too many 'Supers' around," he said. "Captain America had a good sound to it. There weren't a lot of captains in comics."

The first issue of the new Captain America comic was an instant hit. Released on December 20, 1940, and featuring Cap giving Adolph Hitler a knuckle sandwich, it sold almost one million copies.

Numbers like that should have attracted Hollywood's attention, but Captain America's screen debut was inauspicious. In 1943, Republic Films decided to launch a superhero serial based either on the mysterious masked character The Copperhead or the caped do-gooder Mr. Scarlet. Scripts were prepared, but before cameras rolled, the decision was made to insert Captain America into the story without radically altering the screenplays.

As a result, the character bares only a passing resemblance to the comics. In the serials he has a different secret identity and fights evildoer The Scarab instead of Nazis. His famous invincible shield is missing, as is his sidekick Bucky and there is no mention of the Super-Soldier Serum that transformed him from zero to hero.

Nonetheless, the 15-part serial — which featured exciting titles like Blade of Wrath and Vault of Vengeance — was very popular, but unfortunately did little to further the career of its star Dick Purcell. Legend has it that the strain of playing the active character was too much for him and he passed away just three weeks after filming was complete.

Despite the success of the serial, it would be half a century until Captain America was featured in another story shot for the big screen. In 1990's Captain America, Cappy is played by Matt Salinger, son of author J. D. Salinger, who beat out Dolph Lundgren and Arnold Schwarzenegger for the part.

The movie returned the character to his comic book roots, and was originally set for a 1990 release to coincide with 50th anniversary of the character but was shelved until 1992 — perhaps because of what Entertainment Weekly called a "shapeless blob of a plot" — when it was released on home video.

Captain America is possibly the most patriotic of all superheroes, but the name also pops up in one of the most famous counter-culture movies of the 1960s. In Easy Rider, Peter Fonda's character Wyatt is nicknamed Captain America after his Harley Davidson Captain America chopper.

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No love lost between Gwyneth and neighbours — but Chris is popular

If Chris Martin leaves L.A. for London in his split from Gwyneth Paltrow, he'll also be leaving behind the couple's $10-million US Brentwood mansion — and the aggravated neighbours that go with it, according to Radar Online. "When they moved in, they had 'Do not trespass' signs put up at their school and all over their property. Then they had the big gates put in and four layers of trees," one neighbour says. "It's against the zoning laws to do it, as it ruins the sense of community if everyone had those gates." And it appears that Martin was the more popular one in that neighbourhood: "We used to see Chris walking the dogs. He was a really nice guy. He was the one with the talent. She was just the one writing cookbooks," the neighbour continues. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Men or women? Miranda doesn't Kerr

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

Newly broken up with Orlando Bloom, supermodel Miranda Kerr is ready to meet an eligible gentleman caller — or possibly lady caller. She's attracted to women as well as men, she tells British GQ (via Us).

"I appreciate both men and women," she says. "I love the female body and truly appreciate the female form. I really enjoy sketching women, especially their backs. I definitely need a man in the bedroom, however — a nice strong chest to lie on." So does that mean she wouldn't date a woman?

Not necessarily. "I want to explore," she says. "Never say never."

I'm pretty sure that if Miranda Kerr is asking, absolutely no one, male or female, is saying never. I know what you're thinking: What if sex with Miranda Kerr is simply awful, though? Not to worry — she welcomes constructive criticism. "I always ask for a critique on my performance. I always want to better myself in every way," she reveals.

Chris Evans

Rumours of Chris Evans' retirement have been greatly exaggerated

Captain America star Chris Evans would appreciate it if you'd cool it with those reports that he's retiring from acting. A recent interview Evans gave in Variety led to headlines that he'd be giving onscreen work a rest once his current run as the first Avenger was up. "If I'm acting at all, it's going to be under Marvel contract or I'm going to be directing," he said in the initial interview. "I can't see myself pursuing acting strictly outside of what I'm contractually obligated to do." But Evans insists he didn't mean he's giving up acting. "(Suddenly I'm) retiring, hanging up the shoes, I guess," he jokes to Good Morning America during an appearance. "By no means am I planning on retiring." **METRO WORLD NEWS**

LIFE 3

See that symbol? It means you can scan this photo with your Metro News app to see more photos of Andrew John Virtue Dobson's tour of the island.

Making the most out of a meandering Maui road trip

Conquering the coast. Verdant views and luxury eats are just a few of the things awaiting you on this epic adventure

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Widely trumpeted as the world's most glamourous vacation destination, the island of Maui offers quality beaches, a variety of jaw-dropping landscapes and a vast range of thrills for adventure travellers and culinary aficionados. A visit to Maui is a once-in-a-lifetime vacation full of details to recount at dinner parties and daydream about during abysmal grey office hours in the middle of winter. For those looking to throw their hair to the wind on an ultimate road trip, Maui offers coastal highways and dreamy zigzags through lush jungle back routes. While digging your feet into the beach at a luxe resort is likely to be a must-do on your itinerary, don't forget to check out the road less travelled.

Luxurious Wailea

Upscale Wailea offers golf courses, glamourous condominiums, haute couture shopping bonanzas and a string of five-star hotels. A short 30-minute drive south of the airport, Maui's most famous razzle-dazzle resort community is the perfect spot to start your adventure. Conquer that nasty jet lag from the comfort of a spacious suite at the Fairmont Kea Lani. Snack on locally grown macadamia nuts while watching the sun set over the Pacific from your private balcony.

Why not try a road trip across lush Maui? PHOTOS: ANDREW DOBSON/METRO

Farm visits in upcountry

Visit Maui's favourite farmers in the heart of upcountry. Guests to Surfing Goat Dairy have an opportunity to meet and greet herds of excitable goats as well as learn about the cheesemaking process, finishing with a sampling of the dairy's award-winning chevre-and-chocolate truffles. A stone's throw down the road, enjoy cocktails at Ocean Vodka, the island's favourite homegrown spirit. Fans of France will adore the Ali'I Kula Lavender Farm which offers guests an opportunity to purchase a variety of sweet-smelling beauty products and epicurean treats. Be sure to soak in the sun on their café patio with a hot cup of lavender tea and enjoy a picture-perfect view.

Maui boasts some of the most beautiful views in the world.

Feast at Lele

In the heart of Lahaina, a few steps from the calm lap of the ocean, throngs of tourists gather by the beach as the sun sets across the Pacific. They're eager with anticipation for the Feast at Lele, an inspired cross between a lu'au and an al fresco fine dining restaurant that, for once, lavishes as much care on the food as its entertainment. Sexy male waiters dressed in floral sarongs serve tropical cocktails, as well as an epic feast showcasing the culinary traditions of the Polynesian Islands.

Hana's natural wonders

The routinely romanticized Road To Hana offers motorists a dreamy out-of-this-world highway adventure to one of the most tranquil locales in all of Hawaii. Be sure to explore Haleakala National Park for its towering 400-ft. Waimoku Falls and Wai'anapanapa State Park where fine black sand and moody caves offer swim fans a unique spot to soak in the sun. Before hopping back on the road, treat yourself at the Travaasa Spa, an award-winning resort that Oprah and her entourage are said to fancy.

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Shangri-La at the Shard

The Shangri-La Hotel opens in the London Shard on May 6. Taking up floors 34 to 52 in the 72-storey, 306-metre glass tower on the South Bank, the hotel will be the tallest in town, boasting incredible 360-degree views that let you see for miles. Expect elegant Asian ornamentation, artwork by both Asian and British artists, marble bathrooms, heated floors and well-heeled international guests. Visit shangrila.com/london/shangrila.

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Tool

Group trips made easy

Travelling with pals, as fun as it is, is often difficult to arrange. Usually, one organized person has to pin everyone down to get a consensus on flights, hotels and activities, with endless emails. After a year out of beta, FlightsWithFriends.com is getting even better at taking the sting out of making plans, letting you find flights and hotels together in real time, consolidating budgets and opinions — everyone participates. No more Reply Alls. DOUG WALLACE/METRO

Deals

Myrtle Beach bargains

Poor Myrtle Beach. Everybody thinks it's in Florida. But sunny South Carolina is home to this 60-mile stretch of beach heaven known as the Grand Strand. And booking one of the 90,000 hotel rooms, condos and beach houses in the region is plum right now, with some hotel sales hooked to instant rebates, 25-per-cent-off packages, third-night-free deals and free breakfast. It's almost like they're all trying to outdo each other. Go to VisitMyrtleBeach.com.

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Bucket List

The Galapagos Islands

Vision Travel has announced a cruise of the Galapagos Islands this coming November, escorted by Canadian artist and environmentalist Robert Bateman. Home to many unique species of birds and animals, these islands off the coast of Ecuador have been the focus of Bateman's work for decades. This exclusive trip aboard the 295-foot National Geographic Endeavour, operated by Lindblad Expeditions, is only open to 96 guests. The itinerary includes snorkeling with penguins and sea lions, kayaking, walking with wildlife unperturbed by your presence and nightly lectures from Bateman and a team of wildlife specialists. Prices start at $6,500. Visit vision2000travel.com. **DOUG WALLACE/METRO**

Your Euro to-do list for summer

Get thee to the Continent in 2014.
Here are a few things to check out on the other side of the pond

ON THE MOVE
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Riga, Latvia is one of the cities that has been named a 2014 European Capital of Culture. ISTOCK

Europe will be showcasing a variety of cultural and historical events in 2014.

Capitals of Culture

Umeå, Sweden and Riga, Latvia have been named the 2014 European Capitals of Culture. With that designation comes a year of art exhibits, musical events and cultural festivities in each city. Relatively unknown, Umeå is located 600 kilometres north of Stockholm and will focus a large part of its program on the indigenous Sami people. Slightly better known, Riga offers visitors a lively restaurant and café scene and cobblestone streets lined with medieval timber-frame houses. With more than 800 art nouveau structures around the city, Riga will be highlighting its unique architectural offerings alongside its arts program.

Welcome home!

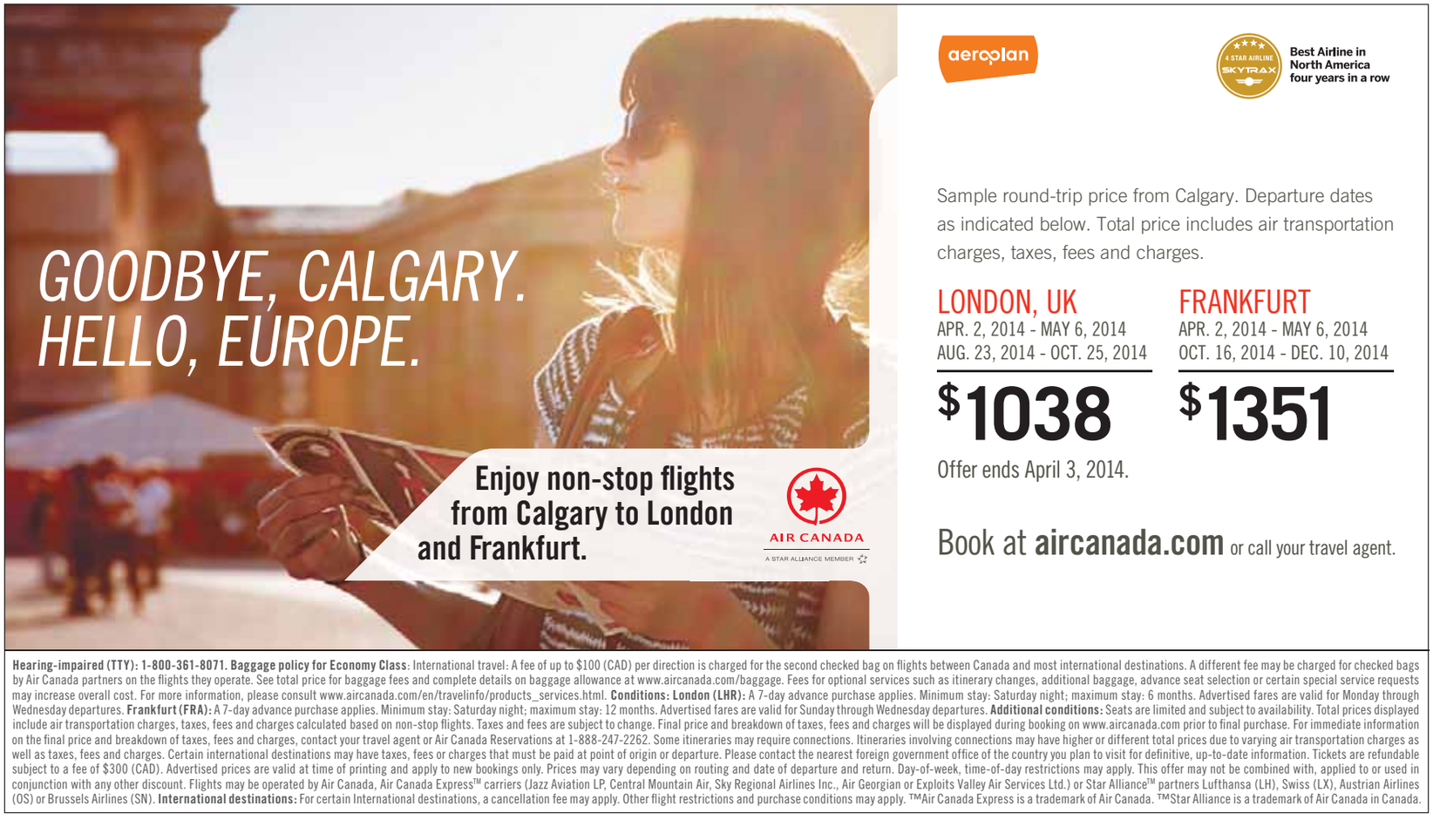
Scotland is ready to party and is showcasing everything Scottish by throwing a Homecoming celebration, with numerous events and festivals planned throughout 2014. A highlight will be the XX Commonwealth Games in Glasgow from July 23 to August 3 with the finest athletes from Commonwealth countries heading to compete in 17 sports. In addition to cheering on our Canadian athletes, spectators will have the chance to see Olympic champion sprinter Usain Bolt go for gold. If you want to explore Scotland's famous highlands, hike the recently opened John Muir Trail, stretching some 160 kilometres from Dunbar to the waterfront town of Helensburgh.

The beginning of the Great War

Commemorative events, including a national church service, are being held across Britain to mark the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War. New exhibits are set to debut, notably London's Imperial War Museum's First World War Galleries. Opening in June, the galleries are part of a radical renovation of the museum. The goal is to better tell the story of the 16 million people whose lives were claimed by the conflict.

The beginning of the end

Elsewhere in Europe, they're marking the beginning of the end of the Second World War with events commemorating the 70th anniversary of the D-Day invasion in Normandy. The new Liberation Route of Europe will reconnect the main regions through which Allied forces moved from the United Kingdom to Berlin at the end of the War. In the Netherlands, for example, the Liberation Route will focus on 85 historical locations in three regions that played an important role in the final stages of the conflict. Each location, marked by a large boulder, will tell the story of the civilians and soldiers who lived and fought there in 1944-45. As you walk, bike or drive the route you can download the accompanying audio stories for free as MP3s from liberationroute.com.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To determine what knowledge you may need to succeed, ask people working in your target sector which skills they wish they had right now.
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Get insider industry intelligence

The challenge:

Line up an informational interview with a VIP in your field, to be conducted by phone or in-person (the latter preferred).

Getting the inside scoop on what it takes to succeed in the field can help you decide if it's a good fit.

"The more knowledge you have, the better decisions you can make about your career," advises university career services professional Katharine Brooks, plus "you'll be better prepared for the real job interview."

The prerequisites:

You're persistent, well-prepped with smart questions and have above-average communication skills — including active listening. Remember, busy people may be more inclined to meet if you have a mutual acquaintance.

Expand your referral network

The challenge:
Once weekly, line up a lunch date with someone in your extended professional network — including your loose ties online.

People get jobs because of who they know. Networking doesn't end once you have made a connection; it's an active and ongoing process.

The prerequisites:

You're into reciprocity, are genuinely interested in other people, have already memorized a soft-sell version of your elevator pitch and because eating with someone in a professional context can be tricky, you have above-average dining etiquette — including negotiating multiple forks.

Develop your skills portfolio

The challenge:

Add another line to your resumé by mastering a unique and in-demand job skill.

The ability to wear many hats and deliver results beyond your job title and description sets you apart and positions you on the promotion fast track.

"Your job title should never act as a limit to what you want to achieve," advises Dharmesh Shah, founder at HubSpot.

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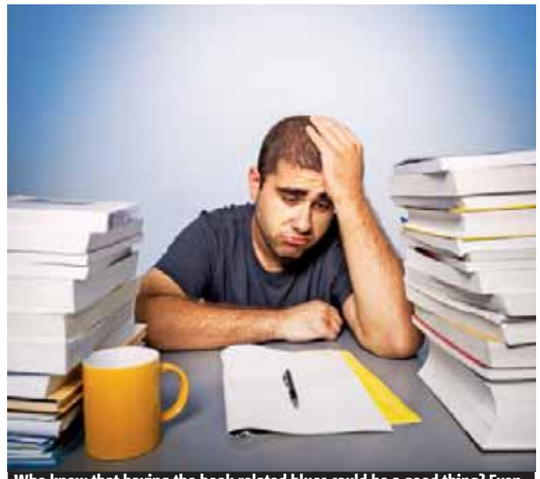
Metro World News

Do you figure that repetition and reading for long hours are the key to learning? Not according to a new book based on the research of two Washington University professors.

"Empirical research into how we learn and remember shows that much of what we take for gospel about how to learn turns out to be largely wasted effort," reads one of the opening passages of Make It Stick: The Science of Successful Learning.

The work is the result of 10 years of research into the application of cognitive psychology to education practices by Henry Roediger and Mark McDaniel, both in the Department of Psychology at Washington University in St. Louis, MO.

They then enlisted the help of novelist (and Roediger's brother-in-law) Peter Brown to turn their findings into a book for a mass audience.



Who knew that having the book-related blues could be a good thing? Even if you're facing some frustrations, keeping your cranium active may make remembering easier. ISTOCK

Brown has filled Make It Stick with illustrative anecdotes to support the academic theories.

"I have long been fascinated by (Roediger's) knowledge of how memory works," he said.

"When I heard what he, McDaniel and their colleagues were finding, it seemed like big news: Most of us are going about learning the wrong way! This was something everybody needed to hear."

For example, rereading texts won't really help you learn, and neither will repeatedly practising tasks. In fact, most intuitive modes of learning also came up short. The commonality among the authors' suggested practices is that in order to stick, learning must be effortful and arduous. We asked Brown why.

What is it about overcoming difficulty that makes learning stronger?

The best way to make learning stick is to focus less on getting knowledge into the brain and more on getting it out. You learn best by trying to retrieve an answer from memory, and this holds true even before we have been taught what the answer is.

How does that work?

When the brain encounters new information, the representation of that information is pliable — the brain works at making sense of the new material by filling in gaps and connecting it to what you already know.

So the brain folds information into what is already stored?

And every time you have to work hard to retrieve learning, it becomes pliable again, and as the brain reconsolidates it, the most important aspects become more prominent and the paths to the knowledge are strengthened.

But the key to this is effort. It's arduous retrieval practice that strengthens learning.

And when you mix up your practice, and the retrieval is more difficult because you're constantly switching between different topics, and it doesn't feel like you're mastering any of them, you are in fact building more complex neural connections and a more versatile ability to recall and apply the learning later.

Take-away tips

"Don't bother rereading the text or watching the instructional video repeatedly," says Brown.

"Instead, review the instructional material once or twice, then test yourself on the knowledge: Explain it, or practise the skill. Then leave it alone for awhile.

"Retrieve it from memory again when you're a little rusty and have to struggle to bring it back. When you're struggling with something, that's a great sign, because your brain is engaged."

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Beef Fajitas. Beef and vegetables are cooked together in this recipe for an easy supper

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Sometimes when I look in the pantry, all I see are flour tortillas. Then I wonder what I should whip up with them.

Well, most often classic recipes come to mind and they're enjoyed by everyone. These Beef Fajitas are one of those traditional recipes.

Because the veggies and meat are cooked together, you can serve the dish right from the skillet for that sizzle effect. These fajitas have some real spice to them!

However, don't be afraid to use tortillas in other ways like as a pizza base with simple toppings to enjoy with a salad or to use up leftovers from another night's meal.

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- Chicken/turkey option: You can use boneless skinless chicken or turkey breast instead of the beef.
- Serving option: You can serve the meat filling over rice instead of filling the tortillas.

Ingredients

- 1 tsp (5 ml) canola oil
- 1 striploin grilling steak (about 8 oz/250 g), thinly sliced
- 2 tsp (10 ml) Worcestershire sauce
- Pinch cayenne
- 1 small red onion, sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 each red and green bell peppers, sliced
- 2 tsp (10 ml) chili powder
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) each ground cumin and dried thyme leaves
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) pepper
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) pasta sauce
- 4 small whole wheat tortillas
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) light sour cream (optional)

This recipe makes two or three servings. EMILY RICHARDS

1. In large non-stick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Cook steak, Worcestershire sauce and cayenne for 5 minutes or until browned. Remove to plate.

2. Return the skillet to medium heat and cook onion, garlic, green and red peppers, chili powder, cumin, thyme and pepper for 8 minutes or until tender crisp. Add pasta sauce and cook for 5 minutes. Return beef to pan and cook until heated through.

3. Place the meat-vegetable mixture in centre of a tortilla and dollop with some of the sour cream, if using. Roll up and then repeat with the remaining ingredients.

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The Flames' Mike Cammalleri picks up the puck behind Jonathan Bernier's net on Tuesday at the Air Canada Centre. LUCAS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Leafs' cold stretch ends versus Flames

NHL. Toronto beats Calgary for its first win in nine games

Knowing his Toronto Maple Leafs couldn't win six games in a row in one night, coach Randy Carlyle tried to zero in on getting the first one.

It wasn't pretty, but the Leafs did just that, beating the Calgary Flames 3-2 Tuesday night at Air Canada Centre to snap a streak of eight straight losses in regulation.

On Tuesday

Maple Leafs	Flames
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These two points were the first Toronto picked up since beating Los Angeles on March 13. Now at 82 points, the Leafs moved ahead of the Washington Capitals, who lost to the Dallas Stars, but remained behind the Detroit Red Wings (84) and Columbus Blue Jackets (83) in the Eastern Conference wild-card race.

The Leafs (37-32-8) figure to have to run the table in their final five games — against the Boston Bruins, Winnipeg Jets, Tampa Bay Lightning, Florida Panthers and Ottawa Senators — and get help in order to make the playoffs after such a debilitating losing streak.

Beating the Flames was a start. Jay McClement, Dave Bolland and David Clarkson scored for the Leafs, who got 20 saves from goaltender Jonathan Bernier in his first victory since March 10.

Matt Stajan and Kris Russell scored for Calgary (31-38-7), which lost for the third time in four games. Like Bernier, Karri Ramo made 20 saves.

"I don't think we got outplayed," Flames coach Bob Hartley said. "It's just they got one goal more than us. They were opportunistic at the right time and we got our chances late and we couldn't capitalize on them but it's not by a lack of effort."

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Curling

Koe loses battle of top rinks

Norway's Thomas Ulsrud scored three points in the ninth end for a 9-5 win over Canada's Kevin Koe in a battle of first-place teams at the world men's curling championship on Tuesday.

Ulsrud hit a double takeout with his final stone to improve to 6-1 after 11 draws of play at Capital Indoor Stadium. Koe, who beat the United States 7-4 earlier in the day, fell into a three-way tie for second place at 5-2.

Ulsrud was coming off a 7-6 loss to Germany in an extra end.

Koe and his Calgary-based team of lead Nolan Thiessen, second Carter Rycroft and third Pat Simmons were tied with Japan's Yusuke Morozumi and Switzerland's Peter de Cruz. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Golf

Tiger puts Masters on back burner

Tiger Woods chose surgery to heal his ailing back over a quest for another green jacket, announcing Tuesday that he will miss the Masters for the first time in his career.

Woods said on his website that he had surgery Monday in Utah for a pinched nerve that had been hurting him for several months, knowing the surgery would keep him from Augusta National next week for the first time since he was a senior in high school.

The No. 1 player in the world is a four-time Masters champion.

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Cristiano Ronaldo has scored his fair share of pretty goals on the pitch with Real Madrid and Portugal. He also looks good off the field with girlfriend Irina Shayk on his arm. Scan the image below with your Metro News app to vote on the hottest couples in sports.

Wick'd tough

The secret's out.

Wickenheiser reveals she played with a broken foot at Sochi Games

Hilary Knight of the United States and Hayley Wickenheiser of Canada dive for the puck during the women's gold-medal game at the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics at Bolshoy Ice Dome in February. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

It's a secret Hayley Wickenheiser could no longer hide.

The Canadian women's hockey star helped Canada win gold at the Sochi Olympics despite playing with a broken foot.

The 35-year-old native of Shaunavon, Sask., was sporting a walking boot on her left foot at the Hockey Hall of Fame on Tuesday, where she was a guest speaker at the second annual Gatorade High Performance Hockey Summit.

"I've had a broken foot for about a year now so I'm trying to fix it," Wickenheiser said. "I'm wearing this boot so I can avoid having that surgery, hopefully.

"I knew it was broken at the time (of Olympics), we just found out it was a little more serious break than we thought. It was just managing the pain."

Wickenheiser did a masterful job of hiding the injury. There was never a hint or mention of it prior to the Sochi Games or even after Canada's dramatic come-from-behind 3-2 overtime victory over the U.S. in the gold medal game.

But in an Olympic year, Wickenheiser didn't have the luxury of time to rest her foot, so she worked around it. With the national team's season over, she's had her foot in the boot for the last two weeks, with six more to go.

"After the Olympics ... it's kind of perfect timing to rest the foot and just be able to get healthy again," she said. "I spent a lot of time on the bike versus running and did some work around trying to stabilize the foot.

"My medical team was really good with treatments to keep the swelling down. I just did a lot of things on one leg and tried to minimize the pounding on my foot in order to be able to get through the games. Now I've had the chance to see where the damage is and with a couple of months' rest, I should be fine. I wasn't able to rest it before."

This isn't the first time Wickenheiser has endured pain. She played in the 2006 Olympics with a broken wrist but was still the tournament's top scorer and MVP.

In 2008, Sports Illustrated included Wickenheiser on its list of the 25 toughest athletes.

Ironically, skating wasn't painful for Wickenheiser because of the support the skate boot provided her injured foot.

"It wasn't too bad," she said. "But the running and training we had to adjust."

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"I just did a lot of things on one leg and tried to minimize the pounding on my foot."

Hayley Wickenheiser
Team Canada women's hockey gold medalist

Wednesday's Metro AR poll

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Metro AR poll results

50% **Metro News readers voted the New York Islanders' 15-year, $67.5-million contract to Rick DiPietro the worst from our list of bad contracts. Here's how the rest of the underperformers fared :**

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6% Michael Vick (10 years, $137M, 2004)

Rob Cote of the Calgary Stampeders gets tackled by T.J. Hill and Rennie Curran of the Edmonton Eskimos in the first half of their game last September in Calgary. TODD KOROL/GETTY IMAGES

Cote's grunt work earns him Presidents' Ring

Rob Cote called it the "Jon Cornish effect", but his Calgary Stampeder teammates singled out the local fullback as a key contributor to their dominant running game last season.

Cote, from nearby Cochrane, became the first Albertan in 23 years to earn the football club's Presidents' Ring. The award is voted on annually by the Stampeders for the one among them who demonstrates "excellence on the field with leadership, inspiration and motivational skills."

Cote, 27, started 16 games for the Stampeders in 2013. His blocking abilities helped star running back Cornish win a second consecutive rushing title and the CFL's Most Outstanding Player award.

Cote's grunt work on offence and on special teams helped the Stampeders to a league-best 14-4 record and a berth in the Western final. The Stampeders ranked first in the CFL last season in most rushing yards, rushing first downs and average rushing yards per game.

"He's the classic local-boy-makes-good success story," Stampeder president Gord Norrie said Tuesday. "A Stampeder fan growing up who represents the team so well on the field and within our community."

When told he was to meet the media Tuesday, Cote admitted he suspected an April Fools' prank.

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April Fools?

Calgary Stampeders running back Jon Cornish tweeted a photo of a green and white jersey with his name and the number one on the back.

- His message offered "a big thank you to the @sskroughriders for trading for me" and added it was now time "to move on to Greener Pastures."

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See that symbol? It means you can scan this image with your Metro News app to see a video of a Hyundai designer talking about the exterior of the 2015 sedan.

2015 Hyundai Genesis

- **Type.** Four-door, all-wheel drive full-size sedan
- **Engines (hp).** 3.8-litre DOHC V6 (311); 5.0-litre DOHC V8 (420)
- **Transmissions.** Eight-speed automatic
- **Base price (incl. destination).** $44,800

All-wheel drive

The powertrains are positioned inside a more rigid platform necessitated by the addition of all-wheel drive — the first for any Hyundai passenger car. The system, comes standard on both V6 and V8 models and distributes the torque 40:60 front-to-rear in normal driving conditions, but can send up to 90 per cent to the front, or 100 per cent to the back wheels if slippage is detected.

Fuel option

Hyundai states that both engines can use either premium or regular fuel without problem, although if the latter is used, some unspecified power reductions will occur.

Safety systems

Safety systems for the Genesis include automatic emergency braking, blind spot and cross-traffic alerts, lane-departure warning and parking assists. There's also a carbon dioxide sensor control system that pumps in fresh air automatically whenever carbon dioxide levels increase, helping to prevent drowsy driving.

Hyundai's new beginning

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Review. Competitors? As a second effort, the 2015 Hyundai Genesis marches to its own beat

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In the beginning, Hyundai was focused on building small, inexpensive cars for the masses. Now the Korea-based automaker's offerings span nearly every niche, from entry-level basic to imposing luxo-cruisers.

Since the 2009 model year, the Genesis sedan has taken up residence at the premium end of the market (directly below the Equus) and the new-for-2015 edition arriving this spring maintains that spot.

The previous Genesis appeared as a compilation of several full-size luxury marques, including the Lexus LS, BMW 5- and 7-series and Mercedes-Benz E- and S-Class sedans. This time, however, Hyundai appears confident enough in its own in-house styling prowess that the Genesis is taking its own path, although some resemblance to the Audi A7 is evident.

Most unique is the trapezoidal grille that, when combined with fancy LED (Light Emitting Diode) headlight pods and running lights, give the Genesis a character all its own. The sweeping roofline ends at a truncated decklid flanked by an equally impressive set of LED taillights.

The simple interior shows restraint when it comes to shapes and buttons, the latter of which are mostly contained within the touch screen. Note the winged Genesis badge on the steering wheel.

Although Hyundai retained the Genesis's overall length to within a few centimetres of the previous design, it did extend the distance between the front and rear wheels by 7.5 centimetres, resulting in increased space for all passengers.

Those riders will experience a cabin that's much simpler than before. Hyundai has shown admirable restraint in keeping the knob, button and switch count to a minimum (many controls are now accessed through the touch-screen display), even though the steering wheel has picked up some of the slack.

Carrying over for 2015 with minor modification are the Genesis's two powerplants. The starting-point 3.8-litre V6 is rated at 311 horsepower and 293 pound-feet of torque (previously 333/291). The optional 5.0-litre V8 rustles up 420 horsepower and 383 pound-feet of torque, down nine horses but up from 376 pound-feet.

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Volvo could lead wave of cars from China

Geely. China's auto industry lacks presence in North America, but an analyst predicts we'll start seeing its cars in five years

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Volvo's first factory in China produces the S60 sedan for domestic Chinese consumption, but executives suggest it could also be exported to North America in the near future. COURTESY VOLVO CARS OF CANADA

Back in 2006, Geely became the first Chinese automaker to hold an exhibit at the Detroit auto show. It created so much buzz it made it hard to walk properly at the show. You had to wade through it.

Seemed like it would be only a matter of months before all North Americans would be driving Chinese-made vehicles, to match all the Chinese-made clothes, shoes and sunglasses we were already wearing.

But then the buzz died. And the Chinese makers never showed up.

Currently there is only one Chinese-made vehicle available for sale in the Canadian market — the Honda Fit. Honda used to get them from Japan, but production constraints there, as well as a too-high Japanese yen, made the Chinese factory a better option. And it's just a temporary thing, too, as Honda gets its Mexican plant ready to build the next-generation North American Fit.

In retrospect, the Chinese industry was clearly not ready to enter mature markets like North America and Europe, even though their domestic industry was going gangbusters. They had difficulty meeting the emission and safety standards in developed countries, and their cars were far from esthetic and/or technical knockouts.

Lack of dealer or retail infrastructure is another hurdle, one that requires deep pockets. While many Chinese automakers are not small, they are not large either by global standards. The smaller, private ones don't seem to have the coin to commit, and the state companies don't seem to have the nerve or the will.

Another factor that put the lid on exporting was the relative performance of emerging markets compared to mature markets. For example, vehicle sales in Europe are stagnating, while markets like South America, Southeast Asia, Russia and China itself are rising beautifully.

But we should still expect them to show up in North America at some point. One analyst predicted the best Chinese automakers would be here in about five years, while the others will take 10 years or more.

BYD, which boasts Warren Buffett as one of its investors, announced it would like to have cars in the U.S. two years from now, but it has a history of missing targets.

Actually, Volvo looks poised to play a major role in the first foray of Chinese-made vehicles into Western markets. Volvo is in a unique position to use China as a manufacturing and export base, because it is owned by the Chinese automaker, Geely.

Volvo's first factory in China produces the S60 sedan for domestic Chinese consumption, but Volvo executives suggested it could also be exported to the United States in the near future. Volvo and Geely are also collaborating on a new compact modular architecture that they both will use in their respective new vehicles. Analysts predict that the Volvo co-engineered Geely could be the first Geely exported to Europe and North America.

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While the battery in an electric car provides the power for driving, that's not all it does. It also runs such things as the lights, stereo and climate control, all of which cut down on the car's driving range.

The heater presents the greatest challenge. In a gasoline-powered car, heat from the engine is used to warm the cabin. Since the electric motors in battery-powered cars don't get hot enough for this, automakers add electric heaters, which draw a lot of power.

Kia, which is introducing a new electric version of its Soul compact CUV, has developed an innovative heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system to reduce energy usage.

"The main reason for the new HVAC system is to reduce the load on the battery," says S.J. Kim, Soul product manager for Kia Motors. "We have placed particular focus on maximizing heating efficiency."

Like a most cars, the Soul EV's HVAC system uses a compressor, evaporator, and condenser, but it also includes a new, highly efficient heat pump. The pump uses waste heat from the car's electrical components to enhance the heating system and save electricity. Even in extremely cold temperatures, it can increase heating efficiency by as much as 30 per cent.

"Heating consumes more energy than cooling in electric vehicles," Kim says. "This is why we have applied the heat pump system to the Soul EV. Although the heat-pump system is a known technology and can be found in household heaters-coolers, it is challenging to apply this system to electric vehicles because of factors such as external temperature change while a vehicle is in motion."

To further save power, Kia uses a "smart" air induction control. Cars need fresh air in the cabin to keep the occupants comfortable, but it must be heated or cooled. The new system recycles as much interior air as possible and adds only enough outside air to keep the cabin fresh. The car also features an all-new ventilation system, the first on any production vehicle, that can be set to the driver's side alone. If a driver is alone in the car, he or she can push a button that completely shuts off the dashboard and floor vents on the passenger side. Since the system no longer has to heat or cool the whole car, it uses less battery power, which adds to the car's driving range. JIL MCINTOSH FOR METRO

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You have a talent for surprising people and with the Sun linked to Uranus, planet of the unexpected, in your sign today you will go out of your way to shock. Just be careful you don't upset those on whom your security depends.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
What others tell you may seem reasonable but if something does not ring true, be cautious. Most likely you're wrong to be suspicions but today's cosmic set-up warns it's a bad idea to take chances.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Just because you do not get along with someone on a personal level does not mean you cannot work with them. Put your feelings to one side and make an all-out effort to get a joint project finished.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
If you need to make a decision concerning your career, wait until the end of the week. The planets warn if you make it today, you could end up moving in the wrong direction.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Someone will make a big deal of something that to you is of no significance. There's no point trying to reason because reason is an alien concept to them right now.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Try not to be so free with your cash today. Spending may not be a problem for you now but it will be later when there is something you want to buy and you cannot afford it.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You may be tempted to ignore information that does not fit in with your worldview but that would be a mistake. Swallow your pride and act on what you are told. It may be embarrassing now but will save you trouble later on.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You may be having second thoughts about something you recently agreed to but it's too late to change things. Even if you were able to do so it would cost you too much in terms of time, money and damaged reputation.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
If you think you are being cheated, speak up. It may be that you have got the wrong end of the stick and there is nothing amiss, but until you know that for sure you cannot afford to take chances.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
If you let even one doubt enter your mind, it will grow alarmingly quickly and before you know it you will think the world is coming to an end.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Consider all options before deciding what you're going to do next. Better still, do nothing. Loved ones may be annoyed you are dragging your feet but what can they do about it?

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
If you made a promise, keep it. If you try to wriggle out of it now you will damage your reputation, to the extent that certain people won't trust you so easily again. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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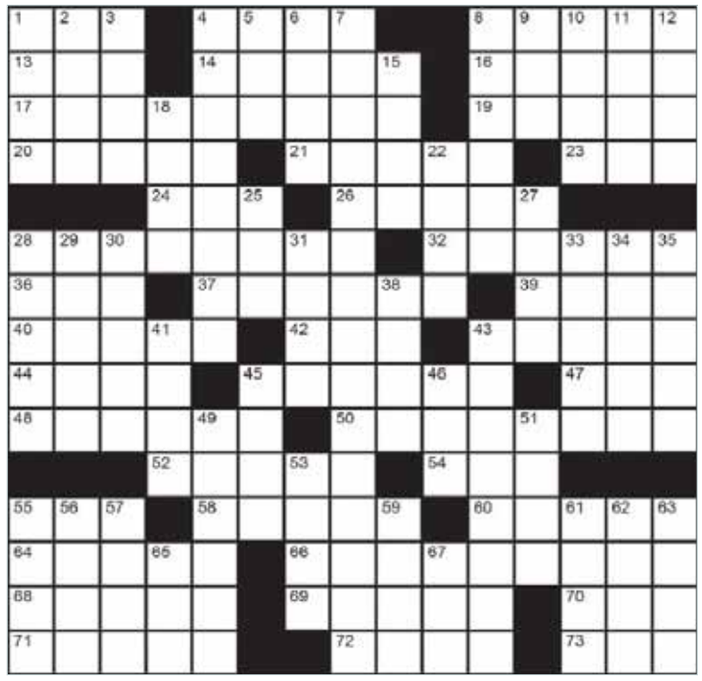

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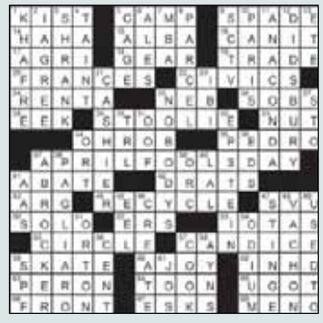
17. Quebec village since 1600, located at the St. Lawrence/Saguenay rivers
19. Freshen
20. Cream cheese flavour, __ & Onion
21. Card deck's Jack
23. Classified __
24. Suppositions
26. Stairway sound
28. It's protected in a National Park
32. Arm injury aids
36. Antacid brand
37. Skillful
39. Actress Ms. Petty
40. Lawyer's expertise
42. Newt variety
43. Additional
44. Bike part
45. Botch: 2 wds.
47. Freezer stuff
48. Humid
50. BC village; or, 'Lanes' to shop at in downtown Toronto
52. 1950s fashion, now
54. Mr. Gershwin
55. Camel hair garment
58. Broadway offerings
60. Stage, as of a cycling event, in France
64. __ Bay (Canadian body of water)
66. Licence plate motto: '__ British Columbia'
68. Unaccompanied
69. Accounting firm, __ & Young
70. Early hrs.
71. Early __ (Morning person)
72. Video game maker
73. Charlotte __

Down
1. Campus mil. program in The States
2. "In the Valley of __" (2007)
3. Posh car
4. Iris which is Quebec's provincial flower: 2 wds.
5. Home, briefly
6. "May _ __ a question?"
7. Typical weather forecast in April: 3 wds.
8. __ Shield (Biggest ecozone in Canada)
9. Big Joe Mufferaw's prop
10. Ms. Dunham
11. Tinted
12. Longbow woods
15. Incision mark
18. Roman love poet
22. Suit piece
25. Comedian Mr. Caesar
27. Tartan garb
28. Easts opposites
29. People of the Arctic
30. Longest river of France
31. Available
33. Pitcher's accomplishment, __-__ game
34. __-Roman (Wrestling)
35. Sea nymph
38. "__ _ blessing!"
41. Virtually
43. Gilbert & Sullivan output
45. Legendary story
46. Submachine gun type
49. Canadian folk musician, Don __ (b.1909 - d.1973)
51. Sixth/seventh notes, variantly
53. Boxer's pre-bout garb
55. Slightly open
56. Island of Indonesia
57. Old Testament: Book of __
59. Reasoned
61. From way out
62. Athletic footwear brand
63. Besides that
65. Hydrocarbon suffix
67. 18th President ...his monogram

Yesterday's Crossword



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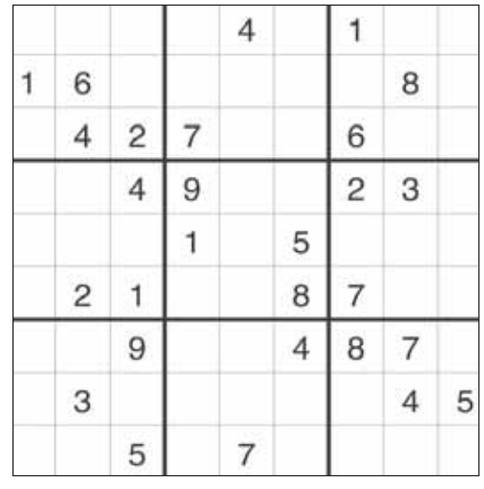
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.



Yesterday's Sudoku

2	4	7	3	6	9	5	1	8
6	9	8	2	5	1	7	3	4
3	5	1	7	8	4	9	6	2
9	1	2	5	7	8	6	4	3
8	6	5	4	9	3	1	2	7
7	3	4	6	1	2	8	9	5
1	7	3	9	2	5	4	8	6
5	2	9	8	4	6	3	7	1
4	8	6	1	3	7	2	5	9

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